NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control PH 2007 - 027

The division will hold a public hearing to seek comment concerning an application for a state water quality permit. The permit is required for alterations to Rock Springs Branch and its tributaries associated with Bridwell sewer line extension. The project is located along Rock Springs Branch and its tributaries southwest of Kingsport in the Bridwell area of Sullivan County parallel to Rock Springs Road (36.4480°N, 82.5664°W). The proposed alterations include the installation of 9,015 feet of gravity sewer line parallel to Rock Springs Branch. The sewer line would cross the branch and its tributaries a total of 18 times.

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2007 **Time:** 6:00 PM, Eastern Time Zone **Location:** Renaissance Center Room 239

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Applicant: City of Kingsport

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The public notice of this project, file number NRS 06.352, published June 28, 2007, can be found on the Internet at http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap. During the public notice period, comments were received concerning the construction methods (blasting) and the number of crossings proposed to install the sewer line.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the application proposal are invited to deliver oral or written comment at the public hearing. The hearing officer will limit all testimony to relevant water quality issues and may limit testimony in the interest of time. However, all persons desiring to speak will be given an opportunity to do so. Written testimony will be accepted for 10 days following the hearing and will be considered part of the official record. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing to the division at the address printed below. The comments must be received by October 1, 2007. After considering all public comments, the division will publish a final permit decision and a notice of the division's determinations.

Interested persons may obtain additional information or inspect and copy the application and related documents during business hours at the division's office in Nashville (615-532-0700) at the address listed below or at the Johnson City Environmental Field Office (423-854-5400).

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